

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

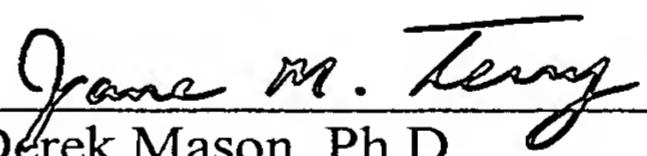
The specification was amended to insert a reference to a prior application and to clarify that the present application is a continuation and not a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/892,694. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to note this change. Applicants also submit herewith a Supplemental Application Data Sheet to correct the Attorney Docket Number and the Domestic Priority Information.

Original Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. New Claims 8-28 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. In particular, support for Claims 8 and 21 can be found on pages 1-3 and 8-13 of the specification. Support for Claims 9-13 can be found on pages 2-6 of the specification. Support for Claims 14-16 and 22-24 can be found on pages 1, 4 and 8 of the specification. Support for Claims 17 and 25 can be found on pages 8-12 and support for Claims 18-20 and 26-28 can be found on pages 7-8 of the specification.

Accordingly, it is believed that the present invention is in condition for examination on the merits. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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